



City of Cottonwood Fire & Medical Department



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Cottonwood Fire & Medical Department responds to garbage truck fire

Just before 9:00 am today, Tuesday, June 7, 2016, the Cottonwood Fire and Medical Department responded to the City of Cottonwood waste water facility on West Mingus Avenue, for a report of a garbage truck fire. Upon arrival, firefighters found that the garbage truck had dumped the burning refuse on a driveway and City of Cottonwood employees had attempted to extinguish the burning garbage with fire extinguishers. The fire was quickly extinguished by firefighters utilizing a foam and water solution.



A city official reported that the driver of the garbage truck was near the airport and noticed smoke coming from the rear of his vehicle. The driver contacted a nearby city employee to seek the availability of a hose at the airport to extinguish the fire. The city employee directed the driver to proceed to the waste water facility where they determined that the fire could best be controlled by dumping the load of garbage on the driveway to be extinguished.



Damage was limited to some heat damage to paint on the garbage truck.

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